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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 31 March 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 13-24 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 13-24 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

1. Claims 13-24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

As per claim 13, line 6, "said Third parties" lacks clear antecedent basis. On line on line 6, "said users" lack clear antecedent basis. Also on line 11, "the User" lacks clear antecedent basis. On line 13, "the Payment Bank" lacks clear antecedent basis. On line 14, "the intermediary(ies)" lack clear antecedent basis. On line 14 also, "the counterparty" lacks clear antecedent basis. On line 17, "the currency" lacks clear antecedent basis. Online 18, "the payment type" lacks clear antecedent basis. On line 19, "the Transaction Reference Number" lacks clear antecedent basis. Online 20, "the Clean Payment Limit" lacks clear antecedent basis.

As per claim 15, lines 2-3, "said domestic payment system" lacks clear antecedent basis.

The prior art taken alone or in combination failed to teach or suggest said users sending counterparty payment risk data on behalf of themselves and said third parties to the system wherein the payments risk data specifies transaction parameters selected from the group consisting of (i) ... (ix) and such that payments instructions breaching said input parameters to the filter process module are rejected back to a payments processing queue for later re-evaluation in the absence of an override instruction as recited in independent claim 13.

Claims not specifically addressed are rejected based on their dependency.

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Conclusion

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Frantzy Poinvil whose telephone number is (571) 272-6797. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday from 7:00AM to 5:30PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kambiz Abdi can be reached on (571) 272-6702. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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